soft and warm, which moved. It was a poor nousie, which, too frightened to boldly escape the shoe where it was lurking when reached by the shop attendant, had secreted itself at seend in the hope of escaping detection.

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TAKING IT OUT OF THEM.

termined that the Inland Revenue shall get as a possible out of Post Office employees, the Office authorities adopt rather a curious plan, he men are paid fortnightly, but during the first they are allowed to draw two-thirds of the second week the men ive the balance, and have to sign a receipt fo full amount; thus an employee receiving 30s. a k signs for £3, and has to affix a penny stamp to wages bill.

CATTLE AND FLIES—A HINT.

writer in a contemporary advocates a means of ping milch cows from distressing themselves by ming about the field through the annoyance of flies in warm weather. One of the most easily plied antidotes, he says, I have yet tried is to mix if a pint of paraffin oil and one ounce of soft soap the one gallon of water. Stir it well up each time is used. Dip a sponge into it and rub over the ads and backs of the cows before they are turned to graze after the morning's milking.

HINT TO SHOW COMMITTEES.

A rather ingenious arrangement obtains in the orking of the North Down Agricultural Society, connection with which a very successful show as recently held at Newtownards. The subscription for membership is 5s. and there are over 1,000 nnual subscribers, principally farmers. Each ubscriber receives the equivalent of his ubscription in tickets of admission to the show. By his means a good crowd is ensured if the weather is ine, while on the other hand, if the climatic conditions prove unfavourable, the executive earner lose.

OUT AND ABOUT

Killarney Regatta was held on Thursday, and proved a most successful and enjoyable fixture

Mr. and Mrs. Coplen Langford have left Kilcosgriff for the Castle Hotel, Ballybunion.

Viscount and Viscountess Monek have arrived at Charleville, Enniskerry, from London.

The Earl of Rosse has arrived in London, from Birr Castle, Parsonstown.

Lady Fermoy and Miss Reche arrived at the beginning of the week, at Bray Head Hotel,

Bray, for a few weeks.

Mr. Arnold Earls has been appointed to the Tralee Branch of the National Bank, and has left town to assume his duties there.

Mr. Alexander Clendenning Larminie, agent to the Earl of Lucan, was on Wednesday last sworn as a Justice of the Peace for the County Mayo.

Interesting details of the city tramway scheme were given at the engineering inquiry held at the Town Hall yesterday.

For being a rogue and a vagabond, John Kennedy, a tramp, was sent to gaol by Mr. Ffrench, R.M., this morning.

Mrs. Frances Catherine Bayly, of Coolbawn, Castleconnell, and Paris, who died on the 25th June last, left estate valued at £1,509 13s.

We learn that a settlement greeable to all concerned in the painting trade dispute is now only a matter of days.

In the House of Lords yesterday, the County Courts (Ireland) Bill was read a second time, and the reports of amendments to the Drunkenness (Ireland) Bill were agreed to.

Amongst the ladies who have taken to horticulture and made it pay is Miss Egerton Coghill. She has been growing violets by the acre for the last fourteen or lifteen years at Castletownshend in County Cork.

A report from Queenstown states that Mr.; Wm. R. Willcox, Postmaster of New York, has left the latter city for Europe. He will study the handling of American mails on the Continent, London and Queenstown.

The date selected for the County Clare Agricultural Show is the 15th August, and already satisfactory entries have been lodged with the hon. secretaries.

ITEMS OF INI

Briefly Reco

A labouring man named I committed suicide at a place near Johnstown, by cutting

Miss Bridget M'Guinness s morning to the injuries rece street fire.

Stoker T. Grenfell, who accident on board the battle died in hospital. This is the

Three twelve-year old b Prussia, have been caught it a ham from a dog which the

It is reported that 75 dea great heat that prevails, oc The heat wave caused 96 the Eastern States.

Earl Cowper, who died of Irich Viceroy who signed, the order for the release Kilmainham Gaol. He signed.

The City of London C decided to confer the City box upon Viscount Selby, nition of the manner in out the duties of the Spe

In the division on Mr. reduce the vote for the I the Government were o feated, the figures being

The vexed question rai the Herald Angels Sing both forms of the hymn in issued by the Clarendon I

Duke Charles Edward Gotha on Wednesday of of his majority, and too to the Duchies of Cobu

The criminal business concluded on Thursda three years' penal se Perris, an Englishwoma 19 charges of theft.

Mr. W. Temple Franlibrarian at the Hous appointed secretary of Association, in successic assistant manager of the